

IF THE CREEK DON'T RISE...

Like they say, "The Good Lord willin' and the creek don't rise" the Troutdale Historical Society will hold its annual Christmas meeting, Monday, Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m. in the city park building. (Please note: the city park building.)

For the first time in nearly nine years, our November meeting was cancelled because of howling east winds which made it impossible to heat the park building.

But for all the railroad fans who were deprived of last month's Union Pacific movie about locomotives, Niles Harding, curator of the rail museum, assures us he will have the film ready to roll Dec. 19.

And Bertha Davis will bring her collection of Christmas and New Years postcards dating from the early 1900s.

As if that were not enough, we will have our traditional Christmas sweet-tooth buffet. Each member is asked to bring a sample of their favorite Christmas goodie. The leftovers will be packaged and given to the CETA crews who have helped out so much on the depot and museum addition projects.

DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING LATE...

The 1978 Troutdale calendars are ready and will be on sale for \$2 each at the December meeting.

If you need some before that they are available from Nora Lewis, 665-4753; Sharon Nesbit, 665-0423 and Sam Cox, 665-9086. They can also be purchased during business hours on Monday and Wednesday and on Friday mornings at the museum in the park.

IF THE CREEK DOES RISE...

It's a bit late, but time to remind members that Troutdale Historical Society meetings are automatically cancelled when weather conditions make driving hazardous.

TOO MANY OTTOS...

We made an error in last month's newsletter. The Otto who donated two display cases to the museum was Glenn Otto. Many thanks to Glenn and a kind word to that other Otto, Otto Hartz, the park caretaker, who has done so many favors for us.

WHERE'S THE FIRE...

Museum curator Bert Whalen has spent days checking the Oregonian files looking for the date of the major fire which burned much of downtown Troutdale in 1907 or 1908. The date is important because it gives us an idea of the age of many of Troutdale's buildings.

Though Bert is now the local expert on events of that era no story or account of the fire has been found in the years 1906 through 1908. If you have papers, pictures or letters which might give us a clue please let us know.

NEW STUFF...

Berlie Salles, Rt. 2, Box 27, Troutdale, has given two railroad lanterns in beautiful condition to the depot museum...Fay Davis donated a coupling link and pin...Helen Otto gave a coupling link...Mr. and Mrs. V.H. Jamieson, Springdale, gave the Victorian pictures made from hair and flowers which are in the park museum and Mary Wright gave a pair of wire-rimmed spectacles which belonged to her late husband, Bill.

Now, if we just had about three male mannequins to display mens' clothing and pose as station agents in the depot.

FOOTNOTES...

Our CETA typist, Pauline Holcomb, has broken her arm and is in the hospital... Ethel Peterson donated a large number of pictures of the 1948 flood...dedication of the new museum addition is planned for the spring. Work is being done now on the best method to display tools and equipment in the new addition...AND TO EACH ONE OF YOU, OUR BEST WISHES FOR A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.